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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	Hans-Wulf Pfeiffer
Serial No. 09/929,267	Filing Date: August 14, 2001
Title of Application:	Method Of Increasing The Boundary Layer Strength On Surfaces Of Workpieces Made Of Brittle Hard Materials
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**Response to Official Action**

Dear Sir:



In response to the Official Action of May 20, 2003, Applicant herewith presents its amendment. Please amend the claims as detailed below.

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